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Value of production up for 2002 fresh market vegetables

Oregon's principle vegetable production for fresh market was up almost 4 percent in 2002 from 12,153 thousand cwt. to 12,617 thousand cwt. according to the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acres decreased 2 percent to 28,200 acres; however, value of production increased 4 percent to \$109,206,000.

Oregon produced 14 percent less sweet corn for fresh market in 2002 on 4,400 harvested acres. There were 4,700 acres of garlic harvested in the State valued at \$11,877,000 and 1,700 acres of squash valued at \$8,202,000. Harvested acres of storage onions increased just over 2 percent in 2002 from 17,000 to 17,400. Value of production increased 8 percent to \$80,974,000.

In 2002, Oregon again ranked fifth among the nation in processed vegetables producing 412,390 tons valued at \$48,116,000, 2 percent lower than the \$48,947,000 in 2001. Processed snap bean production decreased 4 percent to 116,250 tons valued at \$20,951,000. Sweet corn production for processing increased 16 percent to 263,580 tons valued at \$20,629,000 and green peas for processing declined 25 percent to 28,910 tons for a value of \$5,076,000.